

Appl. No. 10/743,905
Amdt. dated Feb. 17, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance the case to issue without delay.

Applicant reiterates priority claim to the benefit of a provisional application Serial No. 60/437,030, filed December 31, 2002.

A set of rejections has been entered by the Examiner. None of these rejections have identified Claim 5 as being a rejected claim. Accordingly, Applicant has combined the elements of Claim 5 into Claim 1, and cancelled the former. Additionally, Applicant submits a further new independent claim which also incorporates the elements of amended Claim 1.

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Dewstow (U.S. Patent No. 1,199,766). Applicant traverses this rejection.

The combination of Claim 1 with 5 is believed to overcome this rejection.

Claims 2 – 4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Dewstow (U.S. Patent No. 1,199,766). Applicant traverses this rejection.

Dewstow has not been rejected over Claim 5. Amended Claim 1 now incorporates the elements of Claim 5.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li (US Patent Application 2003/0070775) in view of Won et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,029,873). Applicant traverses this rejection.

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Amended Claim 1 now incorporates the elements of Claim 5. Since the combination of references was not rejected over Claim 5, it is believed that the original claims as now amended would be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and now allow the claims.

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